Improvement works.

221. The improvement works sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 4,83,334 were under progress during the year.

(x) Davangere City Municipality.

222. The total area of the Davangere City is 7.6 square miles and the population according to the census of 1941 was 31,812.

223. The Davangere City Municipal Council consisted of 25 councillors, of whom 20 were elected and 5 nominated. The number of meetings held was 46, of which 9 were ordinary, 23 special and 14 adjourned.

224. The term of the Office of the President and the Vice-President of the City Municipal Council was fixed for a period of one year.

225. The total receipts and expenditure of the Municipality during the year were Rs. 4,81,806 (Rs. 6,10,168) and Rs. 5,18,395 (Rs. 5,73,938) respectively. The total demand including arrears under all the heads during the year was Rs. 4,49,330. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 2,47,389 was recovered leaving a balance of Rs. 2,01,941 at the end of the year. The percentage of collection to total demand worked out to 53 per cent.

226. The following were the important works sanctioned during the year:—

		Rs.
1.	Construction of New Municipal Offices Building.	1,36,500
2.	Construction of Vegetable Market building.	60,000

227. The work connected with the improvement of the distribution main for Davangere Water Works at Harihar at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,10,000, was completed. The formation of a new cattle shandy maidan in the Davangere tank bed was sanctioned.

228. A grant of Rs. 30,000 was sanctioned in connection with the payment of compensation to atchkatdars under the Anekonda and Nituvally tanks, as they were breached with a view to keeping the area in a sanitary condition.

229. The following proposals were under the consideration of Government :—

		Rs.
1.	Construction of one more R. C. C. tank of two lakhs gallons capacity at Davangere.	1,20,000
2.	Underground Drainage Scheme ...	9,72,000
3.	Construction of Municipal High School building.	72,000

230. The public health of the city was generally good except for the outbreak of plague during the early part of July 1949 to the end of August 1949. All possible preventive measures were adopted to check the spread of epidemic.

231. Mosquito control work was also undertaken at a cost of Rs. 11,000.

232. Bye-laws for regulating the dangerous and offensive trades and for regulating the construction of buildings in Davangere City were sanctioned.

(xi) Administration of District Boards.

233. All the nine District Boards which were reconstituted for a period of three years from 1st June 1947 continued to function during the year. The total number of members on these Boards was 262 (262), of which 177 were elected, 52 nominated and 33 *ex-officio* members.

234. The District Boards. except Mandya District Board, held 30 (48) meetings during the year.

235. The revenue and expenditure of the District Boards, except Mandya District Board, under all the heads amounted to Rs. 27,08,058 (Rs. 17,47,420) and Rs. 29,46,117 (Rs. 22,42,170) respectively. The revenue under service heads was Rs. 18,25,689 (Rs. 17,47,420), of which a sum of Rs. 10,10,662 (Rs. 12,87,347) was realised from Local Cesses, Rs. 1,18,179 (Rs. 1,41,758) from Tolls and Ferries; Rs. 3,50,337 (Rs. 1,49,630) from Fees, Fines and Miscellaneous; and Rs. 3,46,511 (Rs. 1,68,685) from contributions and Grants-in-aid. The expenditure under Service Heads was Rs. 19,87,465 (Rs. 22,42,170), of which a sum of Rs. 5,93,021 (Rs. 7,85,900) was spent on works